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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments in connection with the
above-identified U.S. patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 with the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/020,461 filed on February 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. _____, which claims priority from provisional application serial number 60/037,530 filed on February 10, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 12, 22, 26 and 27, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

23. (amended) The computer program product as described in Claim 19
wherein the given function is an output of a generator applied to the keyed has value.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete lines 2-3 and insert the following:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

In Claim 23, line 1, change "22" to --19--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/020,461 filed on February 9, 1998. Entry is respectfully requested.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested prior to the first action on the merits.

Date: 6/11/01

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. O'Banion", written over a horizontal line.

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